

Examination and allowance of pending claims 36-51 are respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**In the specification:**

Paragraph beginning at page 1, line 32 has been amended as follows:

The present invention thus relates to rubber latex with a reduced allergen activity, to a method for preparing said rubber latex, and to medical and non-medical articles comprising said rubber latex, all in which the rubber latex is combined with starch.

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